

BUILDING COMFORT INTO THE MODERN MOTOR CAR

Care Used in the Manufacture of Tops, Curtains and Upholstering.

Probably the first demands of the average motor car buyer, after he has satisfied himself as to the mechanical excellence of a car, is concerned with riding comfort. He is critical in his examination of the upholstery. He wants to be sure that the cushions and seat backs are covered with genuine leather and not cheap imitations that will wear out promptly. He demands a top that will shed like a duck's back; side curtains that fit so snugly that they are absolutely bad weather proof.

A trip through the various departments of a big automobile plant where quality cars are turned out, reveals some interesting facts on the process of building comfort into a car. The upholstery and top making departments perhaps best illustrate this feature.

Three Hides to a Car.

At the Chalmers plant we use three large cow hides in the leather work on every Chalmers "Six". Awaiting their turn at the cutting table are scores of great black hides, draped over huge racks. The average skin contains sixty-five square feet of leather and no hides under sixty feet are accepted. Only large western cattle afford hides large enough for this work. All hides are carefully inspected and must be absolutely free from defect or blemish before they will pass muster.

It is not practical to attempt to cut more than one hide in a single operation because of the varying quality and difference in size of the hides. After the leather has been cut to the different patterns, there is left a large quantity of small scraps, no matter how carefully planned the cutting. As a single example of the efficiency methods in vogue at the plant, these leather patches are sold to button factories where they are used for covering buttons.

Building the Upholstery.

After the seat tops have been cut and stitched, they are ready for the hair filling and the springs. It is here that riding comfort hangs in the balance. The building of an automobile cushion is work for an expert and Chalmers upholsterers are among the best paid men in the entire plant. Care must be taken that the filling is evenly distributed so that the seat will not bunch, sag or knot. Long, curled hair of the best variety insures the longevity of the cushions and prevents them flattening out, even after several years' use.

Two men work on each cushion. The seat cover is placed over a form in the manufacture of tops, the very finest grade of mohair is used. The room in which Chalmers tops are made fairly hums with industry. Thirty-eight girls operate electrically driven sewing machines with a skill and lightning sureness never approached by mere men. One side of the room is given over to the cutters. Along its whole length stretches a table long enough to banquet a small factory. At the head of the cutting table are heaped great rolls of mohair and pantosole, ready to be cut into tops and curtains. A half dozen of these rolls are mounted on a rack that feeds them off onto the cutting table.

Two men unwind these rolls, spreading the material on the table layer by layer until they have built a band seventy-five thicknesses in depth. On the top layer the patterns are laid out with chalk lines and the cutter sets to work. There is no time for the coat maker's shears. Chalmers tailors are equipped with an electric knife, keen as a razor which buries itself into the cloth and cuts with ease along the chalk lines as directed by the operator. With this method it is possible to cut top equipment for two hundred cars in a day.

Women Operate Machines.

From the cutting table the pieces go to another pattern maker who lays out the route for the sewing machines, marking the width of seams and indicating the location of the celluloid windows. Thence they are turned over to the sewing machine brigade.

With a few weeks' practice, girls become wonderfully accurate in the manipulation of these power driven machines. Each girl concentrates on one particular part of the work and the great efficiency is thus obtained. The lighting in this room is excellent, as it is entirely enclosed in glass. The surroundings are pleasant and the operators take real interest in their work because they enjoy it. Which may serve in a way to indicate the shortage of domestic servants in the automobile city, inasmuch as most girls prefer this clean work at high wages to the drudgery of housework.

From the sewing machines, the finished pieces are sent to the top assembly department where a score of fitters adjust and alter the various sections to fit standard car bodies. Each part is allotted to its particular car, in order that no unsightly creases or crevices for the wind or rain to creep through may remain.

That this sort of carefully checked up work more than repays the manufacturer has been demonstrated to our satisfaction by Chalmers owners who have driven their cars 20,000 miles or more, with this equipment still in excellent condition.

SEIZURE

Of Steel and Iron Shipments by Germans Causes Japanese Inconvenience.

TOKIO, April 15.—The alleged seizure of steel and iron shipments by German warships from Swedish steamers bound for Japan has caused great inconvenience to Japanese manufacturing.

Swedish steel and iron is used here in the making of twisted wire and cables and cutlery. A series of complaints were lodged with the Swedish legation and it is understood that Sweden has been vigorously taking up the matter with Germany.

BENNIE KAUFF TELLS INSIDE STORY OF HIS HOLD-OUT ON M'GRAW

He Wanted to Try to Get \$5,000 of Purchase Price from Hempstead.

In the May Baseball Magazine Bennie Kauff gives his own story of his hold-out with the New York Giants.

"When the Federal went out of existence," Kauff says, "the Giants again made a strong effort to get me. I went to the office with John McGraw and talked things over with Mr. Hempstead. I agreed to sign a contract with the Giants at the terms they offered, which were satisfactory to me. And again I fulfilled my part of the contract in fixing my signature to a contract for which they had agreed to pay me \$5,000.

"I told them that I wanted to have a chance to see Mr. Sinclair, to see if I could not get a part of the purchase money. This was a not uncommon arrangement among ball players. Frank Baker wanted \$10,000 of the purchase price from Connie Mack before he would sign with the Yankees. Sinclair received for me, so I understand, \$35,000. The amount may have been overstated, but it was a fortune, at any rate. It seemed to me no more than fair that I should get a part of this huge purchase price. I had my mind set on \$5,000 as a reasonable figure.

"No doubt I will be criticised as a money grabber, but, believe me, a ball player has only few chances to grab any money. No one criticised John Evers when he got \$25,000 as a bonus for going with the Braves. Why should I have been criticised for my demands considering the great amount of money that Sinclair was getting for me? He is a man many times a millionaire. He had more money in any one of a dozen banks, no doubt, than I will ever have.

"I knew enough to know that with the passing of the Federal league the days of the big money were largely over and that I probably would never get another chance to get such a bonus.

"The New York owners agreed not to have any dealings with Mr. Sinclair for two or three days until I could have a chance to see him and try to get my share of the purchase money from him. But I hadn't been out of the office fifteen minutes when the affair was all settled with Sinclair. Naturally I couldn't get any money out of him then.

"I knew enough to know that with trouble. I think the newspaper men in New York are inclined to burlesque a fellow a little more than is necessary. I have always tried to treat everybody fair, and while there is probably no ill feeling on their part toward me, I appreciate the fact that they have made me appear like a swell headed gink who was altogether too big for his shoes. Now, perhaps I did talk too much at times and perhaps I do give a wrong impression. But to my way of thinking I am not swell headed. I don't aim to be. I am confident, very confident, and I wouldn't give much for a ball player who wasn't. I am confident and aggressive on the diamond because I consider that I ought to be in order to be a good player. And that lets me out.

Kauff Says Cobb Is Best.

"These claims that I would beat out Ty Cobb are bunk. I have been quoted as saying so a good many times. But I am willing to admit that Ty Cobb is the greatest player on the diamond by a long shot. Even if I was as good as he he would beat me out, for he has much more experience than I have, so these fake claims are ridiculous. I have said and I still say that I won't admit to myself that any ball player on the field can do things that I can't do, for I want to be as good a player as I can. I have a good natural eye and am fast on my feet. I love to play baseball. Have always loved it; why shouldn't I become a great player if I am lucky? That is my ambition; I admit it and I will try as hard as I can to equal Ty Cobb or anybody else. But I know that I have a long way to go first, and, of course, I may never realize my ambition.

"A lot of people have claimed that my record in the Federal league was bush stuff, but they don't know the Federal league. I don't believe the National league was more than ten or twenty per cent stronger than the leading Federal league clubs. I don't know as the Brooklyn Federal league team last year wouldn't rate with almost any of the National league teams. We had a pretty good team, let me tell you, even if we did finish in the rut on account of internal disagreements and a number of other things. But if the Federal league wasn't over strong it was strongest of all in the pitching department, and a fellow who batted 300 and over had to keep moving right along, let me tell you. "That makes me think I could do as well in the National. Perhaps I can't, but I won't admit it even to myself, for it's against my policy to admit defeat before I am down in the dirt and can't move any more. I don't think the pitchers, as they average up in the National league, are a whole lot better than those we had to face in the Federal. There were some good hurlers there, and if I could hit against them why can't I hit against those in the National? For I hit just as well against the best as against those who were not so good. Then again, I always play best when I have competition. If you are in the lead you can soldier along and take things easy without meaning to do so. But if there are a bunch of good live hitters right beside you all the time you will keep digging your toes into the ground to keep in the procession. And that is another reason why I think I will keep up in the National league with such pacemakers as Larry Doyle and Jake Daubert and the rest."

In justice to Kauff himself it is but

fair to say that while talking a little too freely perhaps, and fairly bubbling over with confidence, he is not offensively swell headed as are some athletes who are conspicuous in the public eye. He is really a very fair, very democratic person who seems to be an agreeable associate and a kindly companion. His career has been one of hardships. He has fought his way to the top from the coal mines. His early years were devoid of educational advantage, and his latter life has not been entirely free from the taint of too suddenly acquired popularity and prestige. But Kauff, after all, is a most wholesome, healthy and ambitious individual whose enthusiasm and earnestness are genuinely refreshing. And his confidence, which passes so readily for egotism, is quite his most valuable characteristic.

DEATH VALLEY DODGE AGAIN WINS FAME

Driven by Tetzloff, It Makes All but Impossible Night Trip over Mountains.

"Death Valley Dodge," the famous Dodge Brothers motor car that was the vehicle of a trip last year through Death Valley that attracted attention because of the nature of the journey, has won new fame on the coast.

Driven by Teddy Tetzloff, the famous racing driver, the car made the night trip over the mountains of California from Nordhoff in the Ojai valley, to San Louis Obispo in slightly more than twelve hours.

The run was started at 10 o'clock at night after all the wisegoes had predicted that it would be impossible to get through owing to the conditions of the road, which are regarded as exceedingly dangerous even in the day time.

Tetzloff in discussing the trip said: "It's alright when you have confidence in your car. There were some bad places on the road where we wound around the edge of the precipice and there were various spots where you wanted to be sure that both brakes and transmission were dependable. But I had tried out the Dodge Brothers motor car and I had every confidence that it would not be the fault of the car if we failed."

The Thompson Garage Company is the local agent for the Dodge car.

PURSUES HUSBAND FOR HER ALIMONY



Mrs. Claudia Carlistedt Wheeler.

Mrs. Albert Gallatin Wheeler, Jr., who as Claudia Carlistedt the actress was called "The Girl in the Rosy Tights," finds that collecting alimony in New York city is not an easy task. Her husband owes her \$3,400 alimony. He has plenty of money, but he is in hiding so much of the time that neither she nor the authorities have yet been able to run him to his lair and collect the cash.

AXE MAKER KILLED.

CHARLESTON, April 15.—Lewis Carter, 50, an expert in axe making, was hit by a Chesapeake and Ohio freight engine today and killed. The body was taken to Carter's late home in Huntington.

Traveling Comfort

It is between seasons now, so far as traveling goes. Most persons have returned from their winter trips, and have not yet begun their summer journeyings. But few there are who are not planning summer trips now, and the following hints may be helpful in planning time as well as at traveling time.

Dust is one of the discomforts to be combated in summer travel. Almost all railroads are more or less dusty—we may be thankful when we strike one that is "less" dusty than the others. And as dust is plentiful, so water is usually rather scarce. There is never a plentiful supply, on even the best of our trains. So the woman who would travel comfortably had best be prepared to keep her face and hands clean.

In the traveling bag there should be room for several bottles. These bottles, which need not be of more than half-pint size, should have screw tops so that they will not be leaky. In one of them put a mixture of alcohol and water—rainwater or boiled water will be softest. Use this to give a really cleansing, as well as tonic. Sponge the face and throat after a hot, dusty trip by train.

PANAMA POLITICS ALREADY BOILING

With Disorders Frequently Reported from Various Parts of That Country Now.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PANAMA, April 15.—Both political parties opposed to the present government in Panama having asked for the good offices of the United States in supervising the presidential elections here in July, it now remains for President Porras to indicate what position his government will take regarding supervision. President Porras continues to maintain a non-committal attitude toward American supervision, but privately he has let it be known that he is opposed to any interference by the United States, stating that the police power of the republic is ample to assure both a peaceful, honest and fair election. It is understood that he has already given orders that no intimidation shall be practiced in the preparation of the voters' lists and that every male citizen of legal age shall be given an opportunity to register.

Disorders are already frequently reported from various parts of the country. The opposition press reports these fully with the purpose, it is claimed, to make it appear that American intervention is absolutely necessary to preserve peace and independence of the republic.

In another bottle have some benzoin. This should be used to soften the water in the train dressing room, and a little of the benzoin, on a bit of absorbent cotton, diluted—in the proportions of half a cupful of water to a teaspoonful of benzoin—can be patted and rubbed directly on the face.

Some good toilet water may be in the other bottle, as this is very stimulating and cleansing to the skin.

In a little cotton bag have a plentiful supply of bits of absorbent cotton, with which various washes and creams may be applied to the face.

Some good lotion for the hands might be put in the third bottle, instead of the cologne, of which alcohol may be made to take the place.

A tube or jar of good cold cream is admirable to help take off the dirt. First rinse the face, if possible with clear water. Pat half dry, and then rub the cold cream into it thoroughly. Then rub off the cold cream and wash with the benzoin and water, applied with a puff of cotton.

Be sure to carry a small smelling salts bottle filled with some strong and pungent salts.

John Protsik

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Over Bijou Theatre.

Our Batting Average Better Than Ever

We have added to our team this season some very promising recruits---Look them over---They will interest you.

New "ROCKINGCHAIR" Underwear, Ten new "SNAPPY" Arrow Collars---you'll like them.

Famous Raincoats at \$6.50 direct from manufacturer.

New Weber & Heilbronner Hats, straight from "Broadway".

Zebra Stripe Socks --- talk of the town.

Hickok "Personality" Initial Belts.

Silk Stripe Crepe Shirts at \$2.00.

Full line of Stylish Soft Collars, all sizes.

Georgeous New Neckties--popular prices.

Greatest line of Dollar Fifty Shirts in town--fast colors.

"Faultless Pajamas" New Cloths---New Colorings.

Fibertex Silk Sox at twenty-five cents a pair---they're great.

New Snappy Caps---Silks, Plaids, Checks and Novelties.

This is Our Lineup, Look Your Wardrobe Over.

Come in--see us--get started "Right" on the "Clothes Question".

The Genteel Shop

"It Must be Right"

Fourth Street.

Clarksburg's Best Tailors.

HATCHINGS FROM THE BOOBY HATCH

Some residents of West Virginia should get plenty of consolation out of a German invasion of the United States. They say they would again be able to get their beer if the Kaiser should penetrate as far as West Virginia.

FAMOUS COMEBACKS.

You're fired. Well, waddy going to do about it? Who do you think you're talking to?

SEX STUFF.

(Advertisement in the Wilson N. C. Times.) Just received new line men's soft sweat potatoes. W. T. Batts. Phone 53.

LIGHT OCCUPATIONS.

Looking for corns on a wooden leg. Bookmaker at the human race. Looking for a girl who never powdered her face. Hunting for eggs in a cuckoo clock.

OUR PLATFORM.

(From the York S. C. News.) If any one has—Died, Eloped, Married, Divorced, Left town, Embarked, Had a fire, Had a baby, Sold a farm, Been arrested, Come to town, Bought a home,

Committed murder. Fallen from an aeroplane. That's news—telephone us.

LIFE'S LITTLE LIES.

"On the inside, gentlemen, we have the most ferocious African lion in captivity." "It's just the cutest baby I have ever seen." "Yes, dear, I think your new hat is the sweetest thing, and it's so becoming."

LET'S PULL TOGETHER.

(From the Columbia Falls, Mont. Columbian.) One by one the business openings the Columbian has been calling attention to are being taken up. The latest is that of an undertaking establishment, which will soon be in operation here. In this connection it must be borne in mind that if we are to keep these new people here we must give them all the business that this community affords.

REALISM IN THE MOVIES.

As the result of the use of real money in one scene of a recent production filmed at the Reelograph studios, Miss Mary Fordpick is the loser of \$50. The scenario called for the payment of \$50 by one of the characters to another, and the director insisted that real money be used. Miss Fordpick paid the amount to Mr. Bushwoman, who immediately disappeared.

(BULLETIN.)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 15.—Real earth was used by the Motiver Orosco Photoplay Company in filming one of its late multiple reel features here today. Miss Blanche

Sour, throwing discretion to the winds, walked upon the real earth in order to furnish thrills for the movie fans over the country. She was taken to a hospital in an unconscious condition immediately after the scene was filmed. Physicians held out little hope for her recovery.

A despatch from Tuxpan, Mexico, says: "There is no smallpox here. Why not a few like these: POPLAR BLUFFS, Mo., April 15—There were no fires here today. PODUNK, Ia., April 15—No prisoners escaped from the city jail here today.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., April 15.—An aviator giving exhibition flights here today was not killed. At no time during the flight was he threatened with death.

SQUEDUNK, Wis., April 15.—The general store of J. R. Nut and Company here was not burglarized last night. Police are puzzled.

Old Street Roller Will Be Repaired.—Headline in the Martinsburg Journal. Getting ready for the campaign.

ECONOMY GOWNS.

LONDON, April 15.—"War time economy gowns" have made their appearance in the windows of the high class dry goods stores here. They are three piece dresses, which may be used for street and business wear, or, with the coat removed, are suitable for dinner and the theater.

Rady & Deem Co.

Tailors and Cleaners

Both Phones, Gore Bldg.